

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Diamondhead has established a goal of improving programs and services for, and the involvement of, youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, to encourage and facilitate the involvement of youth in the community and as a means to obtain the input of youth concerning youth programs and services, the Mayor and Council desires to establish the City of Diamondhead Mayor's Youth Council as provided for herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

The City of Diamondhead's Mayor's Youth Council is hereby established in accordance with the following terms and provisions:

**1. Mayor's youth council established—Purpose and functions.**

The Mayor's Youth Council of the City of Diamondhead is hereby established. The youth council is a leadership development program in which teens in grades 9 through 12 are given an opportunity to advise, recommend, assist, and encourage activities to be undertaken for and with teens in the city. Members selected for the youth council will be provided an opportunity to learn and contribute to the community, engage in volunteer activities, network with professionals within the community, undertake leadership and training programs, and implement ideas through practical actions and programs in the community. Youth council members will participate in, and encourage other teens to participate in, programs and activities in the community; will assist in the creation, development, and implementation of programs and activities for teens in the community; and such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Mayor and Council. An Advisory Board of adults may be appointed by the Mayor in order to assist and advise the youth council.

**2. Meetings; Quorum; Minutes.**

The youth council shall hold at least one regular meeting per month, with the option to meet more often as needed or desired. The Mayor or his authorized designee shall prepare meeting agendas. The quorum for meetings of the youth council shall be a majority of all of the members of the youth council. Minutes of the youth council's meetings shall be maintained by the Mayor's authorized designee, a member of the advisory board, or an officer of the youth council.

**3. Members and terms.**

The youth council shall consist of the number of members as the Mayor and Youth

Council Advisory Board select yearly from an application process. Members of the youth council shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and be appointed for a term of one year, which shall coincide with the school year. The terms of those first appointed shall run from the effective date of the appointment until May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### **4. Eligibility and qualifications.**

To be eligible for appointment as a member of the youth council, the candidate must meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) be a Diamondhead resident;
- (b) be a student in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application;
- (c) be able to attend all youth council meetings and events;
- (d) be motivated and committed to represent the teens of Diamondhead; and
- (e) file a city application with the Mayor or his designee on the prescribed form.

#### **5. Selection of youth council members.**

The Mayor and Youth Council Advisory Board are charged with the responsibility of reviewing all applications submitted and choosing such youth council members. Nothing in this resolution requires the Mayor and Advisory Board to make any appointments to the youth council or to make any specific number of appointments to the youth council.

#### **6. Vacancies—Removal.**

If vacancies shall occur, other than by expiration of term, they shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor and Youth Council Advisory Board for the unexpired portion of the term. Nothing in this resolution requires the Mayor and Advisory Board to fill any vacancy. Any member of the youth council may be removed from the youth council at any time by a majority vote of all of the members of the Advisory Board, present at the time the vote is taken. In addition, and without limiting the authority of the Mayor and Advisory Board set forth in the preceding sentence, if a member of the youth council shall be absent from three consecutive meetings of the youth council, with or without cause or excuse, the Mayor and Advisory Board may determine whether the term of such member shall be terminated and the office of such member deemed vacant.

#### **7. Officers.**

The members of the youth council shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, parliamentarian, and public relations, each to serve a one-year term. Election of all officers shall be by majority vote of the members of the youth council, present at the time the vote is taken. Elections shall be held not later than the conclusion of the second regular meeting after annual appointments are made by the Mayor and Advisory Board. The chairman of the youth council shall preside over the meetings

of the youth council, and the vice-chairman shall preside over such meetings in the absence of the chairman. If both the chairman and vice-chairman shall be absent from a youth council meeting then the parliamentarian shall preside over that particular meeting or if necessary the Mayor and/or his designee shall preside over said meeting.

#### 8. Duties and Responsibilities.

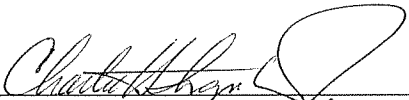
The youth council shall have the duty and responsibility to:

- (a) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the community;
- (b) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, and suggested improvements for the community;
- (c) Meet regularly with the Mayor, his designee, or members of the Council to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and needed improvements;
- (d) Present recommended improvements to the Mayor and Council;
- (e) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities; and
- (f) Evaluate and advise the Mayor and Council on issues forwarded to the youth council for advice.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to adopt the foregoing resolution after the same had been read and considered section by section, and, being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Ackerman	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Holcomb	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Knobloch	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Rech	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Roberson	✓	_____	_____
Mayor Ingraham	✓	_____	_____

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Mayor and Council declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
Sue W. Foster, City Clerk